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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of January 21, 2003, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 5 to 10, 12 and 13.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 11 without prejudice as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for controlling a wheel brake of a vehicle, the method comprising:
 - determining a road slope;
 - determining whether a brake pedal is depressed and whether a parking brake is engaged;
 - maintaining a braking force at a wheel independently of an extent of a brake pedal actuation, in at least one operating state with one of the brake pedal depressed and the parking brake engaged, if the road slope points in a direction of a future travel direction of the vehicle; and
 - reducing the braking force for at least one condition.